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[Abstract:] In regard to the actual cost of manufacturing copper-bronze medals.

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Hon. A. Loudon Snowden Superintendent

Sir:

In reply to your verbal request that the actual cost of manufacturing copper-bronze medals be ascertained, I have the honor to state, that, some years ago with a - vicio of obtaining this information, one of each kind of this class of medals was procured from the medals clerk, and weighed, with the time consumed in cutting, milling and striking ascertained as near as practicable, with the cost of labor and material used added thereto, then it was found that .50% deducted from the price of the printed list of medals should be the probable cost of manufacture.

This unsatisfactory way is the only means to be employed in arriving at this conclusion in the absence of any record as to the time occupied &c., and to supply this information for the future, I would recommend that a book be kept by the Foreman of the Medal room to contain all data in reference to striking medals. I am,

Very Respectfully, Yours Obt. Servant, W.S. Steel Asst. Coiner